

Application No. 10/539,757
Amendment dated May 22, 2008
Reply to Office Action of March 17, 2008

Docket No.: NAG-0125

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace FIGS. 4-6 with new FIGS. 4-6 attached hereto.

Attachment: Replacement sheet

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the non-final Official Action of March 17, 2008. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-5 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1 and 3 being independent.

I. Priority

It is noted with appreciation that the Office Action has acknowledged receipt of the claim for priority and the certified document supporting that claim.

II. Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action indicates that the information disclosure statement filed 6/20/05 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document.

The Applicants submit the reference attached hereto. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

III. Objection to Drawings

The drawings are objected to because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description, that is, an element 27 in FIG. 1 and elements 5 and 6 in FIG. 6 are not disclosed in the specification. Moreover, the drawings objected to because element 34A is not a correct reference character in view of the specification.

By the foregoing amendment, the element 27 in FIG. 1 and the element 34A in FIG. 4 have been corrected.

As to the elements 5 and 6, they are disclosed in the specification. Please refer to page 4, lines 3-4.

Therefore, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

In addition, FIG. 1 has been amended as to the element 33 so as to be consistent with FIGS. 3 and 4. The support for the amendment is found throughout the specification.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

IV. Objection to Abstract

Abstract of disclosure is objected to because of various informalities.

The Abstract has been amended so as to overcome the objection. Therefore, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

V. Objection to the Disclosure

The disclosure is objected to because of the informalities.

By the foregoing amendment, the Applicants have amended the disclosure so as to overcome the objections. Therefore, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

VI. Claim Objections

Claims 1-5 are objected because of informalities.

The claims have been amended so as to overcome the objections. Also, please note that the phrase "laser beams" in these claims, has been changed to "laser beam."

VII. Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kramer et al., U.S. Patent Number 5, 481,384. The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least reasons set forth below.

By the foregoing amendment, claim 2 has been amended so as to depend on claim 1. Therefore, claim 2 is allowable for at least reasons that claim 1 is allowable, and further claim 2 is allowable by reason of the additional limitations set forth therein.

VIII. Objection to claims 4 and 5

Claims 4 and 5 are objected to under CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim must be in the alternative only.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 4 and 5 have been amended so as to be in an alternative form and informalities thereof have been corrected. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

IX. Allowable Subject Matter

Appreciation is expressed for the indication that claims 1 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections.

Claims 1 and 3 have been rewritten to overcome the objections by the foregoing amendment. Therefore, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

X. Conclusion

In view of the following arguments, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over the prior art of record. Therefore, this response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action. However, Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers. Further, for any instances in which the

Examiner took Official Notice in the Office Action, Applicants expressly do not acquiesce to the taking of Official Notice, and respectfully request that the Examiner provide an affidavit to support the Official Notice taken in the next Office Action, as required by 37 CFR 1.104(d)(2) and MPEP § 2144.03.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. NAG-0125 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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